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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Project ARTICHOKE

1. In the conduct of investigating Project ARTICHOKE, attempts were made to locate and review all available Office of Security information pertinent to Project ARTICHOKE. The information base for the memorandum "Tab A" was the materials found in old SRS files, specifically a box of materials provided out of retirement from [redacted]. The referenced box of materials also contained a file entitled "LSD," pertaining primarily to one Frank OLSON. Much of the information contained in the "LSD" file appeared to be I.G. file information. The Office of Security file on Frank OLSON was not reviewed as the OLSON matter was to be handled separately by a different reviewer.

2. In searching Office of Security records, an indices card for a Project BLUEBIRD was found in SRD, reflecting an OS file number 69 20S. However, an exhaustive effort to locate such file met with negative results. No record was found in SRD of any file entitled Project ARTICHOKE. It was speculated that perhaps the Project BLUEBIRD file was purged or destroyed routinely, and perhaps the indices card was inadvertently left in the file. However, the fact remains that although an indices card reflecting Project BLUEBIRD was found, no file could be located.

3. In attempting to locate all available information pertinent to Project ARTICHOKE inquiry, Messrs. [redacted], [redacted], and * were contacted and their assistance was obtained.

4. As reflected in "Tab C," a memorandum was prepared utilizing information from DDS&T sources. Old OSI information was reviewed for pertinent information regarding Project BLUEBIRD and Project ARTICHOKE.

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5. According to Mr. [redacted], a review by Office of Medical Services personnel for pertinent Project ARTICHOKE materials initially failed to reflect relevant data. However, Dr. [redacted] of Medical Services is reported to maintain certain sensitive files in his own safe, and on his return to duty, will search further for pertinent Project ARTICHOKE materials.

6. In response to direction by Mr. [redacted], Mr. [redacted] of DDS&T was contacted on 31 January 1975 in an attempt to review OTS records for pertinent Project ARTICHOKE materials. Mr. [redacted] reported that a discussion with Mr. Sayre STEVENS revealed that OTS had no pertinent records available. Mr. [redacted] reflected that the Office of the DDS&T had "gone back to OTS seven or eight times" to obtain Project ARTICHOKE information, but none apparently remained in OTS. It has been reported that [redacted] destroyed a number of boxes of materials prior to his termination of Agency employment.